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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

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Sir:

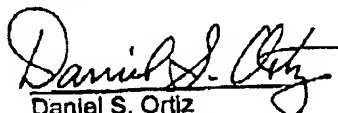
It is hereby requested that the shortened statutory period for responding to the Examiner's Action dated June 29, 2004, be extended one month from September 29, 2004, to October 29, 2004.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1177 in the amount of \$110.00 for the one-month extension fee; this request is submitted in triplicate. Order No. 04-0494.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1177.

Responsive action has been taken by filing an Amendment simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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